The Order of my *Lord Maior, the Al-*dermen, and the Sheriffes, *for their meetinges, and* wearing of their apparel, throughout the yeare.

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Vppon Midſomer day,

for the Election of the
Shireffes of
London,
&c.

MY Lord Maior and the Aldermẽ with the Shyriffes meet at the Guild Hall, at viii. of the clocke in the morning, apparelled in their Violet Gownes lined, and their Cloakes of Scarlet lined, without their horſes.

And when they haue beene together in the councell chamber a certaine time, concerning the nomination of certaine perſons to be elected, my Lord and the Aldermen come out, and put on their

Cloakes in the Orphanes court, and then go downe in order to the Hustings court, and there beeing set, Maister Recorder standeth vp and maketh his obeysance: first to my Lord, and then to the Commons; and declareth vnto them wherefore they are assembled together, shewing vnto them, that it is for the election of one of the Sheriffes of London, and the Sheriffe of Middlesexe, for the yeare next ensuing, and the confirmation of the other Sheriffe, nominated by my Lord Maior, according to his prerogatiue: and for M. Chamberlaine and other Officers.

But my Lord and the Aldermen go vp to my Lordes Court, and there remaine vntill the Sheriffe be named and chosen, the doore shut to them.

The M. Sheriffes, M. Cham-

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berlaine, Maister common sergeant, Maister Towneclarke, and the councellors of the Citie, and other officers, remaine still in the Hustings Court, to take and receiue the name of him that shall seeme by their iudgements, freely and with one consent, to bee nominated and elected, and iustly tried out, not onely by voyce, but also by handes to be Sheriffe for the yere following.

Then the commons go to the election of Maister Chamberlaine, the two Bridge-Masters, the Auditors of the Cities, and Bridge-house accountes, and the Suruaiers of Beere and Ale, according to the accustomed maner.

That done, the Sheriffes, M. Chamberlaine, M. common Sergeant, M. Towneclarke, the counsellors of the Citie, the two secondaries, and the Wardens of the

head Companies, M. common Cryer going before them with his Mace, carry vp the report to my Lord and the Aldermen of their said election.

Which reporte receiued, my L. and the Aldermen come downe againe to the Hustings courte, and there being set in order and placed, Maister Recorder standeth vp as he did before, and maketh rehearsall of the names of those whome they haue nominated and chosen, asking them whether it bee their free election, yea, or no. And they graunt yea, yea. Then maister Recorder giueth them thanks, and so they arise and depart home.

On Bartholemew Euen, for the Fayre in Smithfield.

The Aldermen meete my Lord and the Sheriffes at the Guilde Hall Chappell, at two of the clocke after

after dinner, in their Violet Gownes lined, and their horses, without cloakes, and there heare Euening prayer, which beeing done, they take their horses and ride to Newgate, and so forth to the gate, entring into the cloath Fayre, and there make a Proclamation, and the Proclamation being made, they ride through the cloath Fayre, and so returne backe againe, through the church yard of great S. Bartholemewes, to Aldersgate, and so ride home againe to the Lord Maiors house.

On Bartholemew day for wrestling.

So many Aldermen as dyne with my Lord Maior and the Sheriffes, bee apparelled in their Scarlet gownes lyned, and after dinner, their horses bee brought to them where they dine, and those Aldermen which dine with the Sheriffes

Sheriffes, ride with them to my Lordes house, to Accompany him to the wrestling. Then when the wrestling is done, they take their Horses and ride backe againe through the Fayre, and so in at Aldersgate, and so home againe to the sayde Lord Maiors house.

The next day, if it be not Sunday, for the shuting, as vpon Bartholemew day, but if it bee Sunday, the monday following.

For our Lady Fayre in Southwarke.

My Lord Maior and the Sheriffes ride to S. Magnus Church in their Scarlet gownes lyned, without their Cloakes, after dinner at ii. of the clocke, and there the Aldermen meete my Lord, and after the Euening Prayer, they ride through the Fayre, till they come to Saint Georges Church, and further to Newington Bridge, or

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to Saint Thomas of Watringes, to the stones that poynt out the liberties of the Citie, (if it be so their pleasures) and they returne backe againe to the Bridgehouse, and haue a banquet there, and then ouer the Bridge, and there the Aldermen take their leaue of my L. and depart the next way, euery one to his house. And after all is done, & my L. brought home, my L. Maiors Officers haue a supper made them by the Bridgmasters.

For the Swearing of the Sheriffes vppon Michaelmas euen.

What day soeuer it falleth, so many of the Aldermen as bee bidden to dinner to either of the Shiriffes, come thither to breakefast, or else to drinke at viii. of the clocke in the morning, in their Violet Gownes furred, with their Violet cloakes furred, brought with them without horses, & if the

Sheriffe

Sheriffe be an Alderma, the they must put on their cloakes, and the Sheriffe likewise his cloake, and so go to the Guild Hall, betweene two of the Gray cloakes. And if the Sheriffe bee no Alderman, then to come betweene two of the Aldermen without cloakes, and the Sheriffe his liuery Gowne and his hood. And after, when he is sworne, then to put on his violet Gowne and cloake, and his chaine thereon. And the Aldermen must bring him home to his place, with their cloakes, to dinner, and so after Dinner take their pleasure.

Vpon Michaelmas day, for the election of my Lord Maior.

All the Aldermen meete my L. and the Sheriffes at viii. of the clocke in the morning, at Guilde Hall, in their scarlet Gownes and

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their cloakes furred, and their hoꝛ-
ſes, and after they haue been a cer-
taine time together in the Counſel
chamber, they come foꝛth into the
Oꝛphanes court, and put on their
cloakes, and ſo goeth in oꝛder to
the Chappell, there hearing Ser-
uice and Sermon, and my Loꝛde
with certayne Aldermen receiue
the Communion.

And then after the Communi-
on ended, and haue offered, returne
againe into the counſell chamber,
and pauſe a while, returne to the
place where the Huſtings is kept,
and being ſet in oꝛder, maiſter Re-
coꝛder ariſeth vp, and maketh his
obeiſance firſt to my Loꝛd, and af-
ter to the commons, and declareth
vnto them, that they of old cuſtome
know that the cauſe of their aſſem
bly and meeting together, is foꝛ
the election of the Loꝛd Maioꝛ foꝛ
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them diuers grauntes from the Kings Progenitors, for this their election from time to time. That done, my L. and the Aldermen goe vp into my Lords court, and there tary (the doze being shut vnto thē) til the election be brought to them. Then standeth vp M. Common Sergeant (the Sheriffes standing on either side of him,) and by the Sheriffes, M. Chamberlain, M. Towneclarke, the two Secondaries, and the councellors of the citie, in the said Hustings court before the commons. And hee the saide common Sergeant maketh a short rehearsall of that M. Recorder had spoken to them before: saying, there resteth no more for him to say, but to put them in remembrance in what order and sort they should vse themselues in their election: that is, how they must nominate and chuse two, of

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the which two, my Lord and the Aldermen must confirme one, which two being nominated, elected, and chosen, Maister common Sergeant, the Sheriffes with the rest before named, and certaine of the head Wardens of the chiefe companies, goe vp to my Lord, and the Aldermen, & there present the names of those two, the which the commons hath nominated in their election. Then the Maior and the Aldermen, proceed by Scruteny to elect one of those two persons, which the saide commons had before nominated. The commeth downe my Lord againe to the Hustings Court, and hee of his left hand whome they haue chosen, and so my Lord and the Aldermen sit downe againe in order, but he who is chosen, sitteth nexte vnto my Lorde on his left hand. Then standeth maister

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Recorder vp, and readeth vnto them the names of such persons whome they had nominated and chosen, of the which my Lord and the Aldermen hath admitted one, whose name is N. asking them whether it bee their free election, yea, or no. And the commons answereth yea, yea. Then the Swordbearer taketh off his Tippet, and hath it for his labour, and putteth on his chayne, and the Maior newelected standeth vpon the Hustings Court, and giueth them thankes, &c. That being done, the olde Maior doth likewise giue the thankes, &c. Then they arise vp and put off their clokes, and my L. Maior hath the Lord elect riding with him to the eldest Sheriffe to dinner.

For the presenting of my Lord elect to my Lord Chancellor.

Then after dinner my Lorde e-

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lect goeth to my Lord Chancellor, if hee bee at home, at his place, or neere vnto it, with v. or vi. of the Aldermen, and maister Recorder with him, in their violet Gownes, either by foote, or by water, as the dwelling place of the Chancellor requireth. The common Hunt, with the extraordinary Officers, and those that be at libertie attend on him.

The morrow after Michaelmas day, for the Sheriffes going to Westminster.

All the Aldermen must be at the two Sheriffes houses in the morning at viii. of the clocke, in their Violet Gownes furred, and their Hoses, without cloakes, but my Lord, M. Recorder, and the two Sheriffes must bee in their scarlet Gownes furred, and their cloakes borne to Westminster with them, and so ride to the Guild Hall, and from thence to the Vintree, there

taking barge, landing at Westminster bridge, and in the Hall put on their cloakes, and so go up to the Exchequer: and there the two new Sheriffes be presented; and the olde sworne to their account.

Then they put off their cloakes, and take barge, landing against the Vintry, and there take Horse, and my Lord rideth to the eldest Sheriffe to dinner, M. Recorder and the Sheriffes riding next my Lord, the two Sheriffes carrying two white rods in their hands, & their henchmen going after them.

The order for Simon and Judes day.

The olde Maior shall have so many of the Aldermen as dyne with him, come to his place at viii. of the Clocke in the morning in their violet gownes furred, with their violet cloakes furred, and hoses, and the shiriffes to fetch him to

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the Hall, and there tarrie in the counsell Chamber, vntill the new Maior cometh, and the rest of the Aldermē come, with the company of either of the Lords before them. And after they haue been together a certaine space, come out into the Orphanes Courte, and putte on their furred clokes, and goe to the Hustings Court, & there being set in order, the common cryer maketh proclamation, commaunding euery man to keepe silence.

Then M. Towne clearke giueth him his oath, and when hee hath taken his oath, the old Lord ariseth, and giueth the new Lord his place, the olde Lord taking the new Lordes place, and then M. Chamberlaine deliuereth first to him the Scepter, next the keyes of the common Seale, lastly the seale of the office of the Maioralty, af-

ter M. Swordbearer giueth him the Swoꝛd. Then they arise and put off their clokes, and the old L. rideth home with the new L. to his place, and there leaueth him, and as many of the Aldermen as dine with him. And the olde Lorde with the rest of the Aldermen ride to his place, the Swoꝛd borne before him, and so after dinner the Aldermen depart home at their pleasure.

On the morrow after Simon and Iudes day, for my Lord going to take his oath at Westminster.

A Veluet Whoode

All the Aldermen and the Shꝛeiffes come to my new Loꝛd, at viii of the clock, in their scarlet gowns furred, and their cloakes borne with them, and their hoꝛses, and so ride to the Guild Hall, and the Bacheleꝛs, & the liuery of my Loꝛds company beꝛe him.

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But the olde Lord rideth from his owne place to the Hall alone, hauing no Officers to wayte vpon him, but the common Hunt, as a Gentleman vsher going, and the common Hunts man, and those officers that be at libertie, with his owne men following him, and so tarrieth at the Hall. Whood. Veluet Whoodes for both Maiors.

And after they be come altogether, they take their horse and ride to the Vintry, and there take barge to Westminster bridge.

And after they be landed, the Lord Maior and the Aldermen, putte on their cloakes within the palace, and go round about the Hall, making curtesie in the Hall, and so vp the Exchequer, to bee sworne. Then after the oath taken in the Exchequer, come downe a-

gaine, and goe first to the Kinges bench, then to the common place, and so put off their clokes, and goe aboute the kinges Tombe in Westminster Abbay, and then take barge againe. And beeing landed rideth to Guilde hal to dinner, and all the Companies of this Cittie with him, and at their comming into the hall, the new Lorde Maior with two of the auncient Aldermen, M. Recorder, and the Shiriffes go vp to the Lords table to bid them welcome, and likewise al the other guests there, and from thence to the Lady Maioresse table, and so come out to the gentlewomens table, and to the Judges, and so from thence my saide new Lord Maior goeth into the Chamberlaines office, where he dineth, and the olde L. Maior at their first comming into the hal, goeth vp to the high table in the

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For going to Powles on all Saintes day, Christmas day, Twelfth day, and Candlemas day.

All the Aldermen and the Shiriffes come to my Lordes place in their scarlet gownes furred, and their cloakes and horses, and from thence ride to the Guilde Hall, my Lords Company, and the Bachelers before him, and there heareth Euening prayer, and when praier is done, they ride to Pouls, and there both the new L. Maior and the olde put on their clokes,

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and goe vp to the Queere, and there heare the sermon, which done, they goe about the Church, & there put off their clokes, where they were put on. Then they take their horses again, and the Aldermen bring my Lorde home, and then they haue spice breade and hypocrasse, and so take their leaue of my Lord.

Vpon S. Thomas day.

The Lord Mayor and euerie Alderman is to sit in his warde, in his violet gowne and cloke furred.

For Sunday after Christmas Holy dayes.

My L. and the Aldermen must be in their violet gownes without their clokes, to the end to heare the sermon.

For Munday after Twelfth day.

My Lord and the Aldermen meet

meet at the Guilde hall at eight of the locke in the morning in their scarlet gownes furred, and their cloke furred without hoyse, to receiue of their wardes their indentures of the warmot enquest, and for the swearing of the Constables and Scauengers.

For good Fryday.

My Loyd and the Aldermen meet at Powles Crosse, at one of the clocke, to heare the sermon in their pewke gownes, and without their chaines and Tippets.

For munday and tuesday in Easter weeke.

All the Aldermen and Shiriffes commie to my Loydes place before eight of the clocke to breakefaste in their scarlet gownes furred, and their cloakes and hoyses. And after breakefast take their hoyses, and ride to the Spittle, and there put on their cloakes, and Whood for my Lord.

and so sit downe in order to heare the sermō, which done, ride homeward in order, till they come to the Pumpe within Bishoppes gate, and there so many of the Aldermen as dine with the Sheriffes, take their leaue of my Lord, and the rest goe home with him.

For Wednesday in Easter weeke.

Like as afore in the other two daies, but that my Lorde and the Aldermen must be in their Violet gownes, and sutable cloakes.

For low Sunday.

All the Aldermen meet my Lord and the Sheriffs at Pouls schoole in their scarlet gowns furred, without their cloakes, or hoyse, to heare the Sermon.

Vpon the Munday and tuesday in Whitson Weeke.

If my Lords pleasure be to goe:

The Lord Maior and Aldermen must

must meete with my L. at Poules, in their scarlet Gownes, without cloakes to heare the Sermon.

For going to Poules the first Sunday of euery terme.

All the Aldermen meet my Lord and the Sheriffes at Poules in their scarlet Gownes furred, or lyned, without cloakes or hoose, as the time of the yeare requireth, when the Terme beginneth.

For the election of the Knights and Burgeses of the Parliament.

All the Aldermen meet my Lord, and the Sheriffes at Guild Hall, at ix. of the clocke, in their Violet Gownes, and their cloakes, furred or lyned, as the time of the yeare, (whē they shal be chosen requireth) And sitteth in the Hustings court while the Commons chuse them. The order is, that they must choose

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Maister Recorder for one of their knights, and one Gray cloke for the other, and two commoners for the Burgeles, which done, they depart.

For the election of Maister Chamberlaine and Bridgemasters, if any of them depart within the yeare.

My Lord and the Aldermen sitteth in the Hustings court, while they be chosen, in their Violet Gownes, without their cloaks, and do not remoue vntill the election be done.

The vse of my Lords Cloake.

Beginning vpon Michaelmas Eue.

From Michaelmas to whitsontide, Violet furred, and from whitsontide to Michaelmas, scarlet lyned.

The Lord Maior and those knights

knightes that haue borne the office of maioraltie ought to haue their cloakes furred with Gray Amis, and thole Aldermen that haue not beene Maiors, are to haue their cloakes furred with Calabre.

And likewise such as haue bene Maiors, are to haue their Cloakes lined with changeable Taffetie, and the rest are to haue them lined with greene Taffetie.

For the Buriall of Aldermen.

The Aldermen must bee in their Violet gownes, but they that haue of their friends blacke Gownes.

And if any Alderman dieth, master Swordbearer is to haue a blacke Gowne, or xxxiii. s. iiii. d. in money: and if he giueth my Lord a blacke Gowne, maister Swordbearer must haue another, or else xl. s. in money, the price thereof, and so

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carry the Sword in blacke before my Lord.

Master Chamberlaine is not to weare his Tippet, but when my L. Mayor, or my maisters the Aldermen weare either Skarlet or Violet.

For the Orphanes Court.

My L. and the Aldermen come to the Guilde hall in their Violet Gownes without cloakes, but my Lord Maior must haue his cloake on.

Which Court the common Crier warneth

The foure Pleaders, the Chamberlaine, Towneclarke, common Sergeant, two Iudges of the Sheriffes Court, the Secondaries, vnder Chamberlaine and Bridgemaisters, are to attend my Lord at his house, before his going abroad vpon all festiuall times and generall dayes.

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